

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There has been no proposal for the construction of a 'work-house for the poor'. Estimates for a poor-house are under preparation.

Entertainment of females in the Revenue Department.

56. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are willing to entertain women-officers in the Revenue Department if they are found duly qualified?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Government do not propose to entertain women as officers in the Revenue Department.

Music mistress of the Velur Church School.

57. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this House what action they have taken in the case of the Music Mistress of the Velur Church School, who was relieved from duty, on account of the previous Manager's misconduct?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The new Manager reported that there was no necessity for music teaching in the school. As the school was a Boys' School and as its grant had been stopped the reinstatement of the Music Mistress could not be insisted on. The Manager was however asked to cancel the order of suspension, the teachers' services being considered to have been dispensed with. No further action could be taken in the matter.

Production of paddy.

58. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) What was the total production of paddy in the State in the year the Tenancy Regulation was passed; and

(b) what was the same in 1902?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) and (b). Government regret that the information asked for cannot be supplied as no statistics showing the production of paddy are available.

Burial ground for the Depressed Classes in Pazhanji.

59. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Protector of the Depressed Classes has not received a petition for a burial ground and land for cultivation from the so-called Depressed Classes in Pazhanji village and that their prayer has been sanctioned?